

A Guide for TALLY HO Decks Version 1

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FOREWORD

I lost my job in late January 2021!

Ok, that's a terrible introduction, I know, but thanks to that, I have time to finish the Tally Ho list that I have started since 2016.

I have collecting decks since 2012, and after being amazed by so many Bicycle Collections, I want to stand out. So, I chose to collect Tally Ho, a brand that same age with Bicycle, and have many stories behind.

Through this book, you will see over 80 differences Tally Ho, from age to design, from the Andrew Dougherty's to secret manufacturers, from classic color to new advance technologies.

Most of images and pictures that I collected from Instagram, Facebook and other sites from internet, I tried to credit all, but I think I still missed some. My apologized if you see that! Contact me the source so I can update later, thank you very much.

Special thanks to Lee Asher for the advices, and also thanks to the community of card collectors for sharing beautiful picture and image of antique Tally Ho.

English is not my native language, so you may see some grammar mistake. If you are a Grammar Nazi, please help me to correct my grammar.

Now, let's start.

From the beginning

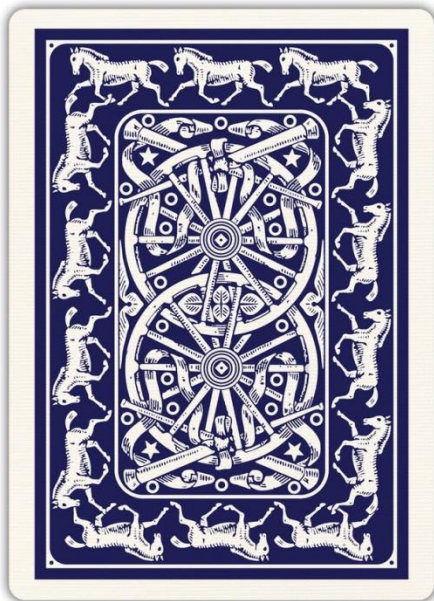
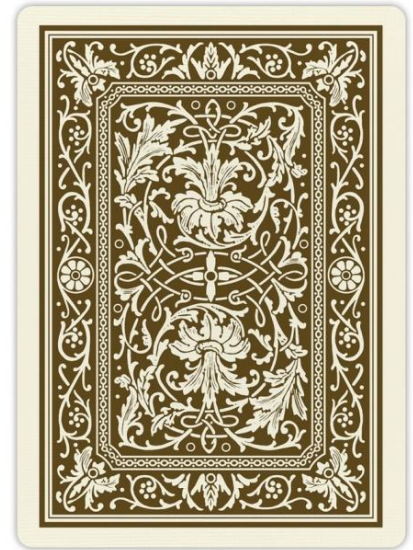
Andrew Dougherty had started the Tally Ho brand in 1885 – the same year of Russell & Morgan introduce their brand Bicycle to the world. Since then, a lot of designs had been made under Tally Ho name. According to 52+Jokers's President Lee Asher, there are around 30 designs put in numbered, all started with 9 (No.901, No.925, No.930...) - the reason for the name Tally Ho No.9. Unfortunately, most of them were lost in time and now only Fan back and Circle Back survive through the history of cards.

People said there were about dozen of Tally Ho designs at the start, but not so many in recorded, until now. Thanks to the internet, we can track down some extinct designs:

1. **The original design of Tally Ho** in 1885, this was made in brown and green floral color, also have the gilded edge version. Not many pattern on the back to tell us this is a Tally Ho brand but the “daisy flower”. This Tally used the Ace of Spades of Patented and the old Joker hold the ring.

In 2017, Michael Scott of Home Run Games revised this design in his Restoration Project. The Tally Ho 1885 Restoration was put on Kickstarter with 3 versions: Standard, Limited and Original Release with Bee Stock. However, the different between 3 versions is the tuck box, none of them were gilded.

Photo from Michael Scott (Home Run Games)



2. **The Horse back:** not much information, Michael Scott of Home Run Games had tried to restore this design on Kickstarter with Red and Blue color after the success of Original 1885 Restoration, however, not many people support so the project failed, twice.

Base on the restoration project image, this deck have the Tally Ho Ace of Spades, however, the Joker is still the same of original one, meaning it came out before 1920s.

Photo from Michael Scott (Home Run Games)

3. **The Vase back, No.930:** this one was discovered by the magician Lee Asher in 2017 when Propelled Pasteboards, a Magician's Throwing Card collector, asking him information about its design, which was used by some magicians as their throw-out card back in the day. Read the full story at [Haywood's Back, An Exquisite Enigma](#).

Just like the Original 1885, this one used to have Patented Ace of Spades, so the design was exist around 1890.

This design was revised by USPC in 2014, under the name Bicycle Nightshade, an exclusive deck for Club 808 member. Glad that USPC revised a vintage design, but so sad it not Tally Ho anymore.

Photo from Propelled Pasteboards



4. Stage Coach back

Information from Ebay seller Worldwide_playing_cards says this design existed in 1912s. Available in at least 2 color Red and Blue.

Photo from worthpoint, original photo belong to Worldwide_playing_cards but the ebay link had dead.

5. Fox deck

Around early of 1900s base on the Tally Ho Ace of Spades This back was also issued in red, blue, brown and green under AD's Outing brand, a series of variety wild animal designs. Only the fox design was used for Tally Ho brand I believe.

The image is from IG Joseph Pierson (@Pip_nosher)



Three more Tally Ho back designs from Joseph Pierson, no idea about their name yet.



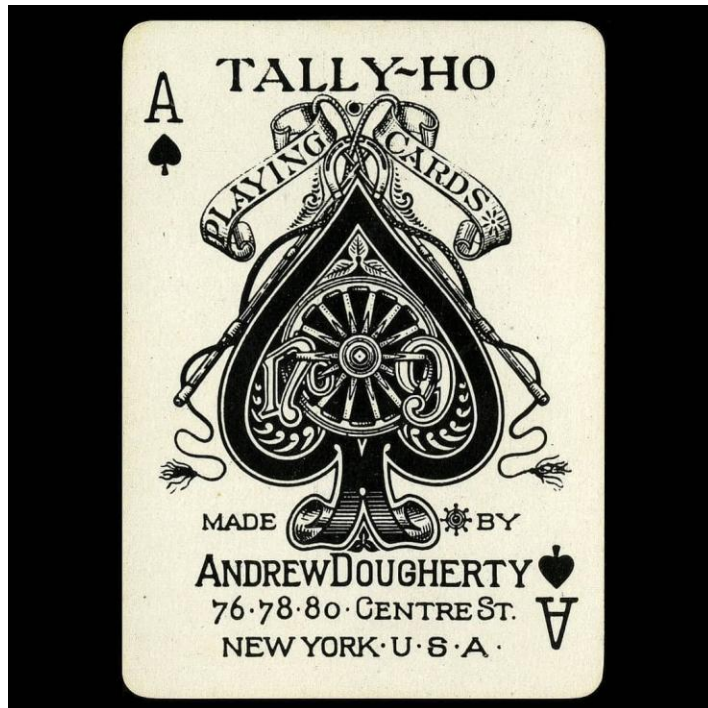
Thanks to the internet, a lot of card lost designs have been discovered by card collector all around the world, the one below is from IG Snapchange, and again magician Lee Asher confirmed it is a part of Tally Ho series called **Flower Back No.925**.

Base on the name and the Ace of Spades, we can assumed that it was from the same era with the Vase back No.930.



And here is the last vintage one I found on IG from card collector Sharkeychong. No name and no date, unfortunately. With this, we have 10 Tally Ho designs not including Circle & Fan back, and only 2 have been restored in modern world. Let's hope more will be turn back to life one day.

Let's end this chapter with the first design of Tally Ho Ace of Spades, the one that all those back designs have been use in a while.



Do you know any other extinct Tally Ho that I missed? Contact me through [Facebook.com/duy.vuquang.9](https://www.facebook.com/duy.vuquang.9) or email vuquangduy1193@Yahoo.com and let me know.

Fun fact: despite of Fan and Circle design still available, USPC still change their design a little bit, in case of Fan back is nothing different as I know at, but the Circle appear to have one-way design instead of perfect mirror like its original one. I will talk about it later in the magic secret section.

In the modern time

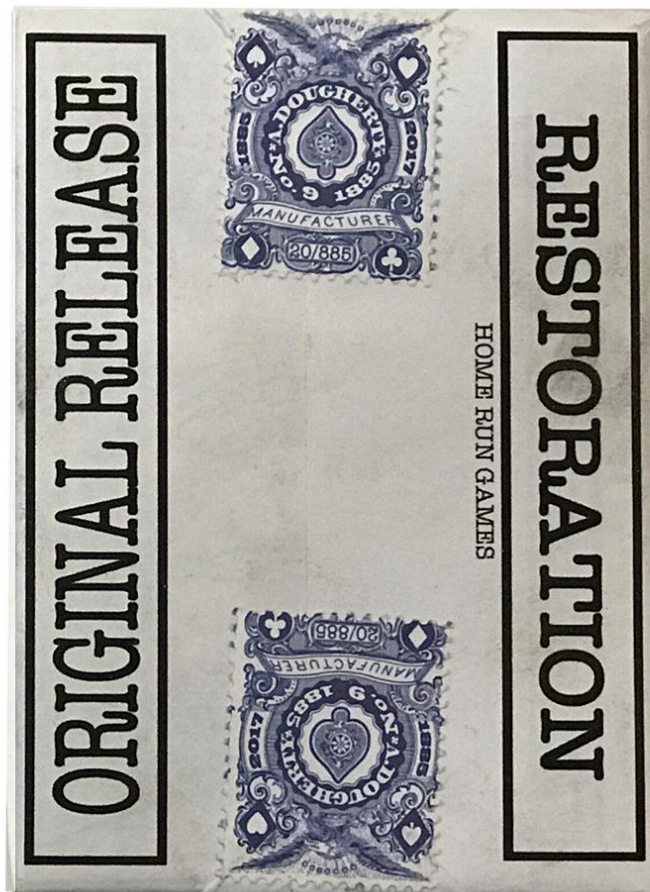
Although only Fan back and Circle back survive after Dougherty was merged with USPC, since 2000, a lot of new versions of Tally Ho have been issued by USPC for themselves and for third-party, some only change the box design, some with slightly change in back design, some just re-color, and some with all new designs. I will try to put them all in chronological order as possible.

The AD's Tax Stamp (1894 – 1907)

According to Taylor Bomarito, author of [Tax Stamps on Playing Cards](#), tax stamp did not use in 1883-1894. And from the USPC history, Andrew Dougherty's sons sold the company to USPC in 1907. So the AD's Revenue stamp that was use on Tally Ho will date the deck in between 1894-1907 (2 cent tax). Below is the AD's Revenue stamp design, taken from [Peter Endebrook](#).



Michael Scott of Home Run Games put a replica tax stamp on his 1885 Original Tally Ho Restoration, slightly change the design for anniversary.



The U.S.I.R tax stamps (1907 – 1965)

For this section, please visit [Endebrock's website](#), I don't have enough resource to write about Tally deck in this period time but the image of decks at the end of it (tax stamp with canceled)



Some other note about Tax stamp era:

- The design on the box is different from now: no registered symbol ® beside the brand Tally Ho, the bottom and top still same design as antique one.



- The side of them is slightly different too: no Linoid Finish, no Cincinnati Ohio, and seem like only the cellophane with red line is the common both of them share through years of changing.



The 1965 – 2000s

I made this section because in this period, USPC made a lot of thing change in seal and box design, due to several reasons: sticker seal replace for tax stamp, barcode invented, renew the register from Consolidate to USPC...

First: no more tax stamp, the manufacturer created sticker seals to replace, you should read about this at [Manufacturer's Seals on Playing Cards](#), a great article by Taylor Bomarito that help us know how old the deck is.

Second: barcode invented in 1951, but until the early 1980's USPC uses it on deck of cards. So if your deck have sticker seal but no barcode, you have a deck that around 1980s, of course, depend on the type of sticker seal, you can narrow down more.

And for the last: the renew of registration, something that I research alone, so maybe not accurate much, but I still share with you: USPC only registered Rider back 808 tuck box design at first (and that for the deck sold directly from USPC only, if any third company made a contract with USPC for promotion/exclusive deck i.e. Disney, Walmart, casino... those tuck box would not have the registered symbol ® beside the brand Bicycle). Same with Bee and Tally Ho brand, those originally were created by other company so USPC had not renewed the registration until the old one expired.

According to what I can found via Internet, USPC renew the registration around late of 2002. Since then the Tally Ho (and also Bee) now have the symbol ® beside their brand name.

Here is the example for you: The bottom red one from pre-1980s and three Tally Ho from 1980s – 2000s (barcode but no ®), on the right side is a modern one.



Unfortunately, I don't want to open my Tally Ho, so I cannot arrange the Tally Ho from 1980s - 2000s in chronological. Well, if any of you have those kind of decks with that old design barcode, feel free to tell me.

Here is the picture of their top: the pre-1980s at bottom left, three 1980s-2000s on it. The 1965s and the modern one on the right.

As you can see, the top have one more hint beside the seal to help you narrow down the date: The Poker No.9 term on top only after 2000s.



Another difference between the pre-2000s and the later one is the tuck box back design: the pre-2000s does not have name of the back design on it.

OK, that's all about the Tally Ho deck from 1965 – 2002. I don't bring the nowadays into this chapter because it's not much a change in design (just Ohio to Kentucky on the side box and blue seal to black seal) and it is pretty well known. But if you don't heard about it yet, or if you are a "Gotta have 'em all", just read [\(Almost\) Everything You Need to Know About Blue Seals](#) by Chris Severson, then add 4 more Tally Ho (2 red & blue fan back, 2 red & blue circle back, black seal, KY printed) to your list.

And now, let's go to the next chapter: Tally Ho that USPC made for third party.



Tomohiro Maeda (2004 - 2020)

One of the most famous with custom Tally Ho is belong to the Japanese magician Tomohiro Maeda. Under his name is around 14 different Tally Ho decks through 17 years. Most of them are considered rare due to only available in Japan, while the world usually not heard much until technologies connect card collector everywhere together.

Why Tally Ho?

Tomohiro Maeda uses Tally Ho deck for a long time since he joined The Magic Castle in 1988. As a club for performance magic, decks and cards usually got mixed up and lost by several reasons. Maeda was a young guy, he did not want to lost his deck, so he chose a deck that stand out with other magicians. He chose Tally Ho circle back because of that reason, and still using it till today.



In 2003, vice-president of the USPC at that time, Jason Lockwood, visited Japan, and saw Tomohiro Maeda performed on TV, he was impressed when a magician using a Tally Ho deck for magic – not a common deck in Japan. Maeda at that time was working for MGM Grand Hotel, and he asked if the Hotel want him to use a specific deck or not. The MGM agent then contact USPC maker, and they agreed to made a special edition of Tally Ho for him in 2004: the **Gold frame Tally Ho**.

Gold Frame Tally Ho using the Tally Ho circle back design, with a gold frame outside the back, available in Red and Blue back, with 2 version: the world release and the Japan release, both of them have the same designs, but the Japan release have a custom Joker designed by Maeda instead an ad card – due to Japanese Import Tax, this Maeda's Joker is the tax certificated. Not long after that, the mini Tally Ho also made under Maeda name, however, just like other mini deck of USPC, those version was made in China.

While most of decks was sold seperately, Maeda's Tally Ho also available in the name of magic box set by Matsui Gaming Company – the subcompany of USPC in Japan: the blue gold frame was sold as Close up magic box set, included the deck, a postcard and a booklet of magic tutorial.





The **Mini blue**, is actually a normal circle back, was released as Close up Magic series vol.2, include a booklet magic tutorial. This is the only “normal” circle back created under Maeda name till now. The deck also have the Maeda’s Joker, while the world edition (sold seperately, not box set) does not have this Joker inside.

Next to that, it’s the Super Close up Magic, the box set included a Red Gold Frame deck and 2 DVD tutorial.



The Super Close up Magic – Private Lesson: this 2-DVD box set include the exclusive **Mini Red Gold frame Tally Ho**, this deck never have a world release edition. The Red mini you see in market is a normal circle back design and have nothing to do with Maeda.

Another thing I like about this box set, is because the 3D art built-in, while today a lot of deck box were made with 3D art, in old time is a very unique.

After 4 decks released, Maeda have a short break, then in 2006, he came back with the famous **Light blue Gold Frame Tally Ho**, (also know as “Light blue”, “Blue Moon” Tally Ho) a promotional deck for the Casio watch MGC-10. This electronic watch of Casio have algorithm developed by Maeda himself, that’s why Casio made a special edition watch built-in magic feature, the watch available in 2 color Gold & Silver. Rumours said that 2500 decks was made, and only a few was sold in Casio MGC-10 box set. This Tally Ho became a must have in card collectors’s list, because of it only sold in Japan, so everyone can 100% sure the Maeda’s Joker is inside, not like the Red/Blue.



Year 2009 is a special year for Maeda: first, he released his 6th magic box set: Magic with Life, The set included **Green Platinum Tally Ho** (silver frame instead of gold frame), a booklet and a sticker sheet for magic revealed/prediction. Just like the other box set, those mostly sold in Japan.



Then, Maeda became Brand Ambassador of the famous Moët Hennessy Diageo's Johnnie Walker Blue Label in Japan. With this, he secretly released two more Tally Ho: the **MHD Black Platinum Tally Ho** (silver frame on black back) and **Dark Blue Tally Ho** (gold frame on dark blue back). Both of those only available at events of Moët Hennessy, and only a few card collector knew about it.

Let's talk about the Dark Blue first. From what I know, this deck only available once at a private event of MHD. The deck have lots of customize than any other Maeda's before, include a custom numbered seal (image below), custom Ace of Spades, and custom Jokers. Also, this is the only Tally Ho have blank bottom I known. Thanks to Portfolio52 member, I don't want to open my own deck for image inside.



The Black Platinum Tally Ho, not much record about it, but I think it have been available at more MHD's events than the Dark Blue, due to it was not as rare as Dark Blue on web market.

Not like the Dark Blue (does not have barcode at the bottom), this one is kind of... normal?



It has all of what a normal deck from USPC have: black seal on top, barcode, name branded and year released at the bottom. I can't find any unboxing image of this one yet, so I don't know anything about inside look like. But maybe in the future I will find someone unboxing it, while waiting for, here is more information and a surprise about this deck:

At first this deck is one out of two rarest deck of Maeda, while the Dark Blue is almost impossible to see someone resell on web market, the Black Platinum have a few, mostly on Japanese's resell and auction website, with the price around \$125-\$400 (yeah, I don't know if any who spent \$400, but I saw that price on internet at least once).

Until 2020 – in the autumn of 2020, Tomohiro Maeda have sold some of his Black Platinum Tally Ho to Matsui Gaming Co., along with his new custom Poker Chip, for a new box set name Casino Royal Magic, which contained a 2009 Black Platinum, a new Poker Chip and 3 magic tutorial video.

A few of them have been sold online via a limited sale event of Hobonochi store (the one collaborated with Maeda for the Yellow Platinum). But according to Maeda, Matsui Gaming Co. already have the plan to release the rest later, with this re-release, I can assure the Black Platinum will be down the price a lot.

While waiting for the Black Platinum release again, let's go to the next two: **Maeda's Mica Tally Ho** set.



This set were first introduced in 2016, but released in January 2017, have 2 decks: the Gold frame Red and Silver frame Blue, with full Metallic Ink on the back, similar to Theory11's Titanium.



According to Maeda, there are 2 versions: the first was used by himself for performance and were in MGM's anniversary box set, which have black/white Joker, while the 2nd run that sold in DVD box Set Card Magic Lesson by Catalog House company have Si Stebbin system card information.



The newest Tally Ho of Maeda is **Yellow Platinum (Hobonichi)** in 2018. This deck marked his 30th anniversary years in Magic Career. Collaborated with the Hobonichi company, this deck have full customized face that use the company's mascot: a big ear monkey. The deck was released at an exhibition in 2018 and then went online for limited time in Autumn 2020 on Hobonichi website – along with three new custom poker chips, and also the first batch of Casino Royal Magic box set.



According to another card collector, this card may have 2 printed run – first one have custom seal, but there are some that have normal USPC black seal.

And that is all about Maeda's Tally Ho for now, with 11 decks in 16 years, Tomohiro Maeda is like David Blaine in the card industry. Just hope he won't mass produce in the future for profit reason, we already have so many company doing that right now...

Ellusionist: Tally Ho Viper (2005-2017)

Ellusionist was founded in 2001, but they play very low in card industry, until they release the black deck series as a new breath in 2005, those black decks include the famous Black Ghost, Shadow Master and Tally Ho Viper. Later on, they collaborated with Xtremehandz (Handlordz) to made some cardistry trailers, and from then, they became a big company that all of us known about today.

Unfortunately, making a good record is not a thing in Ellusionist's mind, so all the Tally Ho does not have any record about the year they was released, that made a little trouble for us card collector. All I can do is guessing base on the design of the box, which made me disagree with some assumtion online...

First thing first: how many Viper out there?

From my experience of hunting, there are 7 versions of Tally Ho Viper, split into Circle back (3 versions) and Fan back (4 versions). For you guys easy to follow, I made the table below:

	Circle back	Fan back
Differences	2 colors on face (Silver/Red)	1 colors on face (Silver only)
First Edition	Top: Poker No.9 Front: "Striking", Simple Snake Side: UV500 Bottom: No logo, no barcode	Top: Poker No.9 Front: "Striking", Complicated Snake Side: Bottom: No logo, no barcode
Second Edition	Top: Poker No.9 Front: "Striking", Simple Snake Side: Bottom: Normal barcode	Top: Poker No.9 Front: Nothing, Complicated Snake Side: Bottom: Normal barcode
Third Edition	Top: Card revealed Front: "Ultimate", Complicated Snake Side: Bottom: Magic Barcode, E's logo	Top: Card revealed Front: "Ultimate", Complicated Snake Side: Bottom: Magic Barcode, E's logo
Fourth Edition	N/A	Top: Card revealed Front: "Ultimate", Complicated Snake Side: Bottom: Eagle logo, normal barcode

Let's start with the front box: 3 on the left are Circle back (Red/Silver Pips), and the 4 on the right are Fan back (pure silver pips), arrange from left to right, up to down.





The top of them, show us the development for magic purpose, when they put the card revealed on. And later another revealed is under the barcode.



Some sellers on eBay and members of Portfolio52 said that “my second edition fan back” is actually the first edition or prototype edition. I strongly disagree because of this points: It cannot be the prototype, because the Barcode must be release *after* the no barcode edition, for selling online and in supermarket purposed. Also, compare with the Viper Circle back and other series of Ellusionist at that time (Black Ghost, and Black Tiger) the card revealed feature *after* Ellusionist became well known. However, I can’t denied that the No-word version of fan back is kinda rarer than the striking version.

The side of boxes not helpful much in telling which one was introduced first either, you can only see that they changed from UV500 Air-flow to Performance coating, but no idea why they change the side of each line. But well, you still can recognize which one is v3 just by the side of box.

That's all I got about Tally Ho Viper for now, hope it help you guys.



David Blaine: Original Split Spades (2006)

This is the first design of Split Spades made by Mark Stutzman and David Blaine, before he change to the 2009 design that still being used to now. From the back design, hard to say this is a Tally Ho, but the deck itself was made with Linoid Finish and the Ace of Spades is Tally Ho ace, also the front of tuck box had inspired by Tally Ho tuck box a lot. So well, this maybe the first ever customize Tally Ho that USPC made since they bought Andrew Dougherty.

Split Spades Tally Ho – the alternate name of Original Split Spades, available in 3 color: Red, Blue and Black, the Blue one is in the black box but have blue seal while the Black one is the black box with red seal. There is another version that have white seal instead of blue or red, I don't have one so don't actually know which color inside, but I think it is black one.

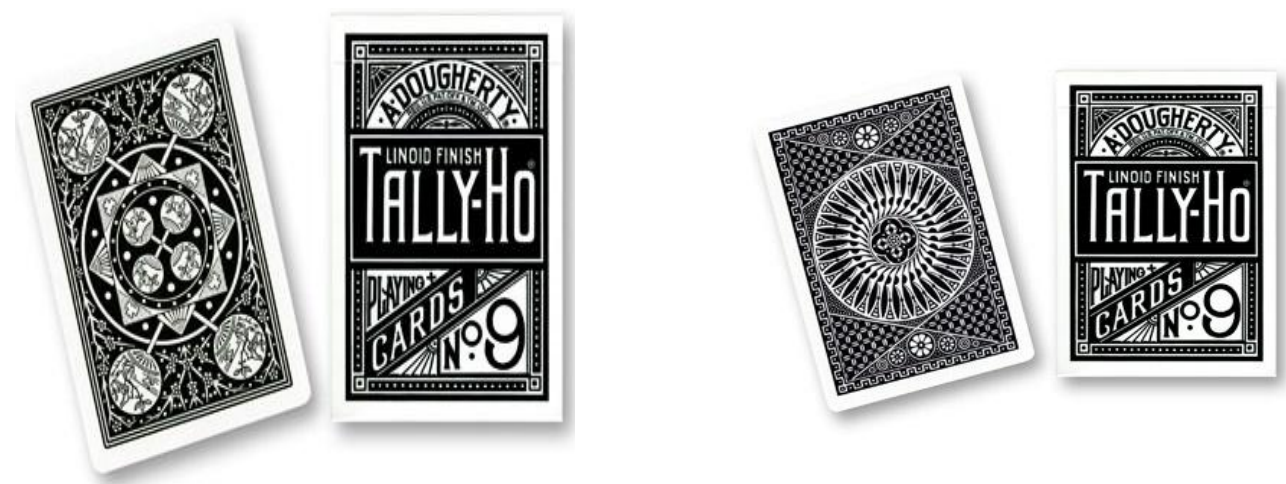


Additional information: the court cards are customize: The King of Spades is David Blaine, the Queen of Hearts is his mother, and the Queen of Spades is Lonneke Engel (a close friend), and there is no Tally Ho Joker in this deck but 2 illusional cards says Liar.

Murphy's Magic Supplies: Black and Silver Tally Ho (2009 – 2012)

Murphy's is a wholesale company, so they did not promote their production much, especially playing cards. The Black Tally Ho came out underrate because of that. However, Murphy's still sell them well, based on it have been reprinted after USPC move to KY a few year later.

There are not much thing to say about those decks, they just like common Tally Ho deck with black back, with 2 Jokers and 52 cards. The only thing that made them suitable for magic than the common one is the double back following. According to the black sealed, both circle and fan back were printed in USPC's Erlanger, KY factory. But the first version was put in Ohio box, while the second one, came out a few years later, it's in Erlanger, KY box and have the print's year at bottom. And that made the hunt more fun.



In 2012, Murphy's released a limited edition named Silver

Tally Ho Circle back using full metallic ink on both back and face of the deck. 2000 decks were printed. Due to the pure silver on white face, it's hard to recognize the suits, and the silver metallic back is actually not a good idea to me: it bright and shiny but cannot reflect much, under the strong light the card look like blank, fail to impress me like the Theory11's Titanium which using the same technology but blue and red work better than in my opinion. Well, it meant to be for collectible than for playing with, so not much a problem.



Theory11's Titanium Tally Ho (2011)

Year 2011 is a markable year for USPC, when the metallic ink printing technology starting to rise after the Ellusionist's UV500 ink collapsed. Theory11 is one of a first few party that release deck that use Metallic Ink printed. The series named Titanium, included 6 decks and 8 edition: 4 Bicycle Rider back, 2 Bee No.67 back and 2 Tally Ho Circle back (both in Red/Blue, but the Bicycle Rider back have 2 printed run for each color).

Embossed tuck box, shiny back deck is a new breath for cardistry world, and so these decks became a hit. Unfortunately, T11 only made it one time only.



Asia's market: Pink Circle back & Orange Tally Ho (2012)

Late in 2012, 3 limited edition of Tally Ho had been released, **Pink circle back**, **Orange Circle back** and **Orange Fan back**. Although these were printed by USPC, no one actually known whose party ordered. These were mostly sold at Asia market, and only a few sellers in USA got them in hand at that time.



Notable about these three, is the Orange set have Silver frame out of design on the tuck box. That's similar to Maeda's Tally Ho series, however just a misleading, because the cards inside have no frame at all.

King Wild Projects – Tally Ho No.13 (2014 - 2018)

Jackson Robinson introduced this one in 2013, that’s why he name it No.13. But the deck was first released in 2014.

The **Kings Wild Blue Tally Ho** is the first deck to feature the fully custom 2014 Kings Wild Standard Court Set. It is also *the first full custom edition of the Tally Ho brand in over 100 years.*

Then, Jackson released new Luxury Tally Ho for every year till 2018, the total of 6 kinds of Tally Ho and a lot of editions that I can’t remember well.



Year 2014, the first Luxury Tally Ho of King Wild Projects was released on Kickstarter named **Scarlett**, based on the Spades suit. Scarlett had been released with 5 editions:

Limited Ed.	Red & Gold tuck box Card no gilded Numbered seal	700 decks
Gold Ed.	Red & Gold tuck box Card gilded Numbered seal	200 decks
Legacy Ed.	Wooden case Red & Gold tuck box Card gilded Numbered seal	50 decks
Display Ed.	White tuck box Card no gilded No seal	
Overrun Ed.	White tuck box Card no gilded Seal but no number	



The Overrun is the “back-up” in case of any limited edition deflected. After a few years, Jackson released them in some special clearance sale. That’s why the seal doesn’t have numbered on it.

The second in Luxury Tally Ho series is **Emerald**, released in mid 2015, the design based on the Clubs suit, available in 5 editions:

Limited Ed.	Green tuck box Card no gilded Numbered seal	700 decks
Silver Ed.	Green tuck box Card gilded Numbered seal	200 decks
Legacy Ed.	Wooden case Green tuck box Card gilded Numbered seal	50 decks
Display Ed.	White tuck box Card no gilded No seal	
Special White Gilded	White tuck box Card gilded Numbered seal	200 decks

The special White Gilded is an “error” deck: USPCC inadvertently packaged the gilded Silver additions into the white Standard edition tuck case. Unfortunately they also used up all of the numbered silver edition seals that were meant for the 1-200 Silver Editions. So the Silver Edition had to be done with another printed run.



Late 2016, the third one came out, the first King Wild’s black deck named **Black Diamond Tally Ho**, this is one of the first few decks using MetalLuxe Foiling technology, available with only 3 editions, both no numbered seal on deck.

Limited Ed.	Black tuck box	1000 decks
Legacy Ed.	Wooden case	50 decks
Tactical Ed.	Aluminum case	10 decks

Due to the high cost on new technology, this deck does not have Player/Display Edition.

Year 2017 started with **Pearl Tally Ho**, was said to be the final deck in Luxury Tally Ho series (that before he released the 5th **Olive Tally Ho** in 2018). Of course to complete the 4 of kind, Pearl based on Hearts suit. Available in 4 editions:

Limited Ed.	Pearl white box Card no gilded Numbered seal	850 decks
Gilded Ed.	Pearl white box Card gilded Numbered seal	200 decks
Legacy Ed.	Wooden case Card gilded Numbered seal	50 decks
Player Ed.	Dark blue box Card no gilded No seal	



All of Luxury Tally Ho were inspired by and dedicated to the women in Jackson's life: Scarlett Tally Ho was designed for his youngest daughter who is named Scarlett. The Emerald Tally Ho represents the birthstone of his oldest daughter Claire. The Black Diamond Tally Ho deck is dedicated to his wife's birthstone. The Pearl Tally Ho is for his mother, and finally, the Olive Tally Ho is dedicated to the newest addition to the Kings Wild family, Olive Graham Robinson, his newest daughter.

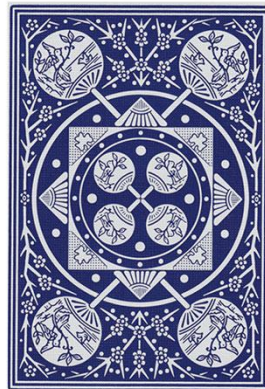
Like Pearl, Olive have 4 editions, based on the Spades suits



Limited Ed.	Embossed foil box Card no gilded Numbered seal	850 decks
Gilded Ed.	Embossed foil box Card gilded Numbered seal	200 decks
Legacy Ed.	Wooden case Embossed foil box Card gilded Numbered seal	50 decks
Player Ed.	Normal box Card no gilded No seal	

Jackson actually tried to make more Premium Tally Ho after Olive, based on [Fan back](#). However, USPC at that time stopped the customized designs for other brand except Bicycle, according to Jackson on United Cardists. That's how the Bicycle King Wild Americana was born by the way.

After all, just in 4 years, King Wild Projects had released 6 customized Tally Ho, with over 20 limited versions/editions via Kickstarter. A huge recorded in Tally Ho history.



Aloys Studio: Tally Ho Reversed series (2014)

Aloys Studio is a small company joined the cardistry in around 2013, became popular with some deck designs as Red Tune, Blue Tune, Peafowl, Floral... but due to lack response, this Studio not gain much reputation. In the year 2014, Aloys released 2 series of Tally Ho under the name Tally Ho Reversed back, included 6 Fan back and 6 Circle back in reversed color. Inspired by the Bicycle Reversed back of Magic Maker Inc. or not? I can't say.

The first series name **Rose Reversed**, included 6 Fan back. Each color represents different meanings of love. At this time, there are so many recolor Circle, so cardists easy to accept the new recolor of Fan back designed.



The set contained

- Lavender Rose
- Pink Rose
- Red Rose
- Orange Rose
- Yellow Rose
- White Rose

Each deck contained two advertising cards: The blank card applies to magic and the other Ad card is rose language.

Also, the back had faded bordered, like Theory Bee Stinger (not nice much, but still notable).

Sealed with USPC black seal.

About 6 months later, in late 2014, Aloys pulled out another set: **Tally Ho Reversed Circle back**, with only 60 set available online, and this time people have negative mind. Mostly because how Aloys run business: so many limited released, no response, deck project under other name, selling under table... but well, the set was limited after all, so even it just a hit-and-run, it still sold out in short time.

The set contained:

- Mint blue
- Yellow
- Green
- Pink
- Purple
- White



No more rose: each deck has a double back and a blank face, no nonsense rose language (sorry, I don't have romance feeling when talking about Aloys).

Although the white tuck box have fade bordered, the Reversed Circle have normal back design (no fade).

Another upgrade about this set, it was sealed by USPC gold seal instead of normal black.

Aloys released the Tally Ho set in a very limited time with very limited number, however, that's just for manipulated the market. Not long after Aloys online sale, a lot of shop dealer starting to sale those deck separately with the same price, or even cheaper.

Well, the designer maybe guilty, but the deck itself not. So just grab it at your shop retailer with no hatred.

Cosmo Solano's Tally Ho Spectrum (2014)



This deck is a sequence of Cosmo Solano's Bicycle Spectrum – a rainbow deck with 56 cards show the spectrum of color for magic tricks. A unique deck in Tally Ho collection that can show you many of variation back color.

LUX Playing Cards – British Monarchy Tally Ho (2015)

And this is the weirdest Tally Ho for me: full of custom designs on both face and back, even the Ace of Spades, no details that can't tell you this is a Tally Ho deck. The only thing can link you to Tally Ho brand is the English phrase.

The artist, Nam Tibon, is a Filipino, illustrated this deck for LUX company. The deck shows 14 famous British monarchy in history on court cards and Joker, with the aces shows some famous items of the British royalty.



The back design, based on the War of the Roses, hid the secret 1-way featured, however same as Circle back, I don't see much magician using it (it's kind of small anyway).

This Tally has a limited edition follow: King Henry VIII. Because of year 2015 marks his 524th birthday, LUX had made 524 decks with white and gold tuck box and his image on front for backer add-on. Due to that, I won't put the limited edition into Tally Ho list.

Penguin Magic : White Tally Ho Deluxe (2015) & Elite Tally Ho (2020)

Penguin Magic joined the fun with White Tally Ho Deluxe Edition in late 2015 – early 2016. When we flooded in a lot of customized Tally Ho and tons of other decks on KickStarter, Penguin released a recolor only. White Tally Ho Deluxe available in both Circle and Fan back, with elegant white and black color. Although they made them at limited edition, the cards sold very slowly.

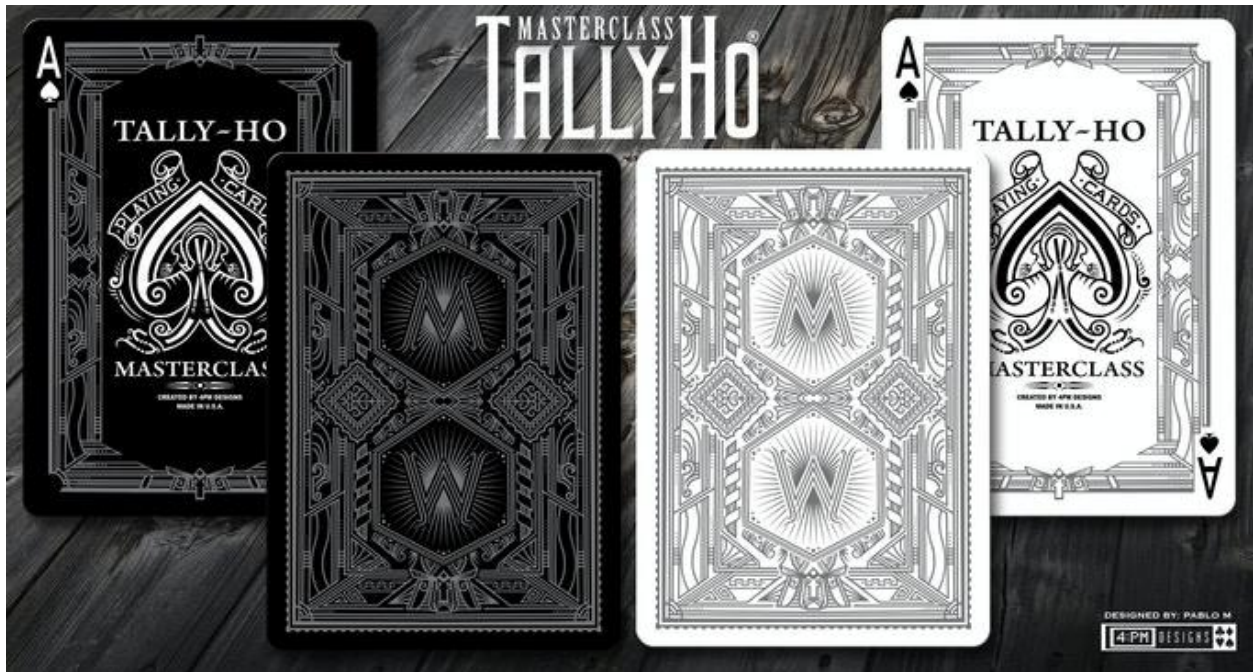


After the successes of Bicycle Elite Edition, Penguin released the Tally Ho Elite in 2020, those cards have been upgraded to thin-crushed luxury stock with elite embossed finish, made them snappier and flexible than standard one.

Down side? The box is so similar to normal Tally Ho, the differences are the top says Thin crushed, no seal and the bottom have logo of Penguin and say Elite Edition. Penguin does not creative much, also in the same time, Bill Kalush's Conjuring Art Research Center introduced another Tally Ho with Thin-crushed too, the differences between those two thin-crushed is CARC's one thinner but stiffer than Penguin's, and also no gaff cards (Penguin have 2 gaff cards, just like the White Deluxe Edition).

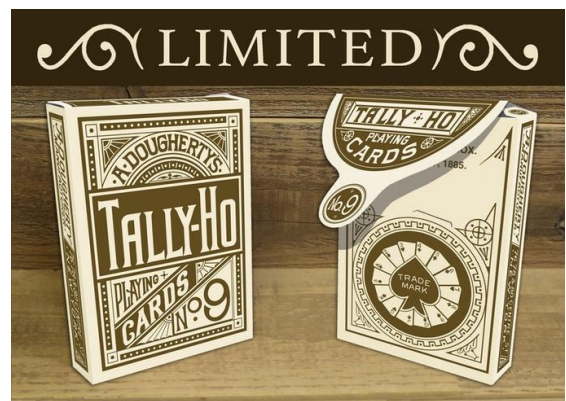
Gambler Warehouse: Tally Ho Master Class (2017)

March 2017, Gambler Warehouse and 4PM Designs Studio collaborated to released their own Tally Ho on KickStarter named Tally Ho Master Class. Master Class came in 2 colors: a Black and a White deck. Although the design is kind of cool, I hardly to say these are Tally Ho, due to 100% customization and I have no idea which details were inspired by Tally Ho designs. The boxes are very cool though, with foil printing on matte finish and silver foil stamp seal, I really like to display them on my table.



Original 1885 Tally Ho No.9 Restoration (2017)

April 2017, Home Run Games introduced the restoration of Original 1885 Tally Ho back on KickStarter. After over 130 years, the original back of tally have been restored for the first time. The project included 3 versions of box: Standard (modern box), Limited Ed. (old designed box, 1885 decks) and Original Release (same as limited ed. But with paper wrapped outside and double sealed, 885 decks). The card used same designed as the origin, with yellowish tone face to made it vintage-like, so you can place this one beside with Vintage 1800s, Vintage 1900s or Faded rider back, cool replica.



USPC: Tally Ho Cardistry series (2018-2020)

With the rise of magic, cardistry and crowdfunding, USPC decided to joined the community instead of manufacture only. USPC signed contract with magicians and cardists to made trailers for their own decks, sponsored for card-relate conventions as Magic Live and Cardistry Con. And so, in 2018, the **Cardistry-con Tally Ho** was born, the first ever borderless Tally Ho.

Cardistry Con 2018 was took place in Hong Kong, USPC is the sponsored but they only made a limited number of Cardistry Con Tally Ho, let's say about 2500, and so the deck was mostly sold in Asia Market.



Not long after that, another version came out, named **Tally Ho Chinese New Year Special Edition 2019**. Inspired by the red and gold color of firework and other cardistry designed, the card now had been upgraded to have borderless on the face.

A little error in this edition, are the 2 Jokers, somehow the designer made a mistake, and then this is the only Tally Ho that have Bicycle Jokers inside.

Summer 2019, another Cardistry Tally Ho secretly came out, not like the other two were for celebration that a lot of people knew about them, **Tally Ho Summer Fan** came out quietly.

The Summer fan was the first borderless Fan back, and the color used is very nice, the borderless face now place at the corner, created more variation for fanning display.

Just like the other, the Summer fan was mostly sold in Asia Market, card collectors have to buy them via retailers.

Over a year passed, and then USPC brought out 2 more Cardistry Tally Ho in late 2020: **Tally Ho Autumn Circle** and **Tally Ho Winter Fan**. This time, USPC sold them right on their site, so card collectors could get them easier than before.



While the Autumn Circle does not have much development, the Winter Fan however combined both of the borderless face designs of the earlier: they have both borderless on corner and on side, made the spreading cooler than.

And so, the Cardistry Tally Ho completed: 4 decks for 4 seasons, and Cardistry-Con for celebrated the community. I think this series can end very well here.

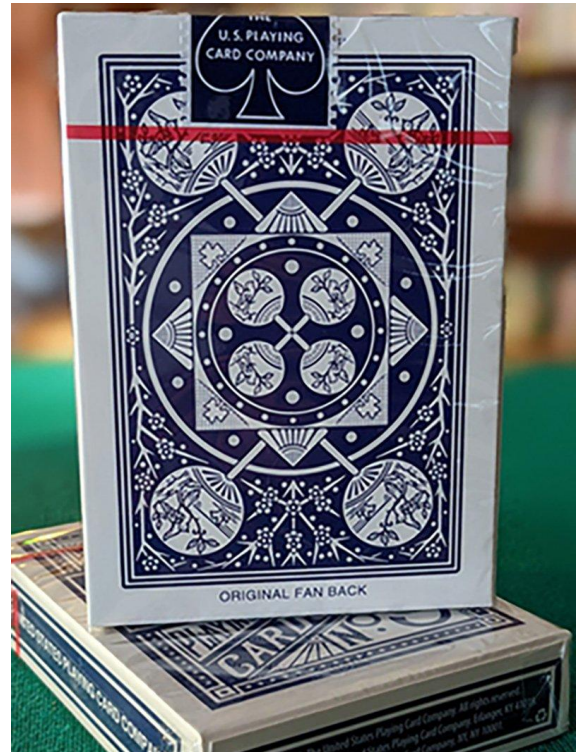


Conjuring Art Research Center: **Thin-crushed, Web-press Tally Ho** (2020)

While Penguin Magic introduced the Elite Tally Ho, CARC introduced a similar one at almost same time. Like I have mentioned above, both versions were made by thin-crushed, the differences between CARC deck and Penguin lie on Web-press technique. Because of that, the card is thinner and stiffer than.

Good side: the deck really like the classic with traditional stamp-like seal, red tear strip.

Bad side: 54 cards only (2 Jokers and no gaff)

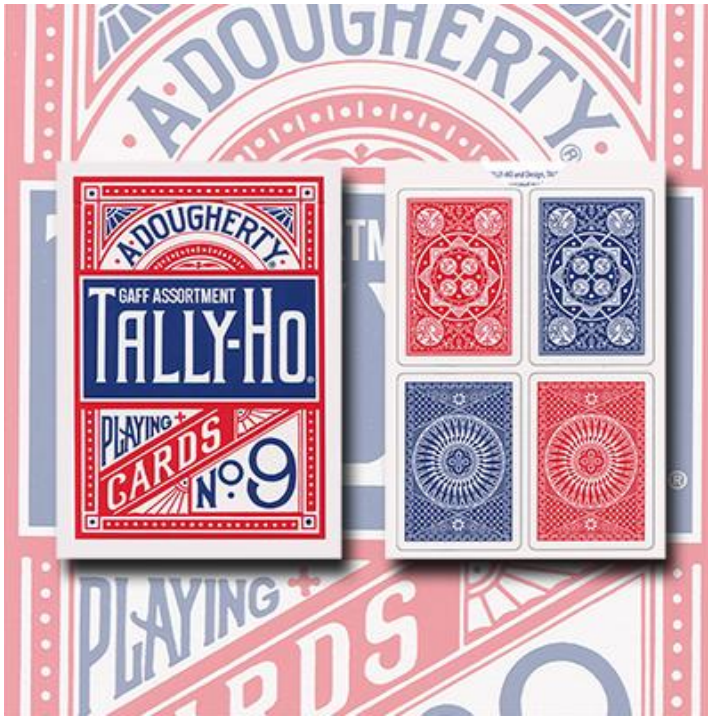


Congratulation, you have reach the end of the Official Tally Ho playing cards list. Thank you very much for reading to this box. English is not my native language so I know you might suffer a lot with my grammar. If you can, please help me check the grammar, I'll very thankful with that.

Now, if you can stay still, please go to next page, because of you just only read the Official Tally Ho, there are some more you maybe don't know.

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Card Gaffs – Tally Ho Gaff Assortment



While a lot of gaff cards were made for Bicycle Rider, Tally Ho rarely have, mostly were handmade.

Because of that, Jeremy Hanrahan's Card Gaffs have made a gaffs pack for Tally Ho, printed by USPC.

This deck contained 54 classic gaffs for both fan/circle, red/blue Tally Ho. Included double back, blank back, color split... so you can use them for your magic performance.

Unknown: Mardi Gras New Orleans 2020 playing cards



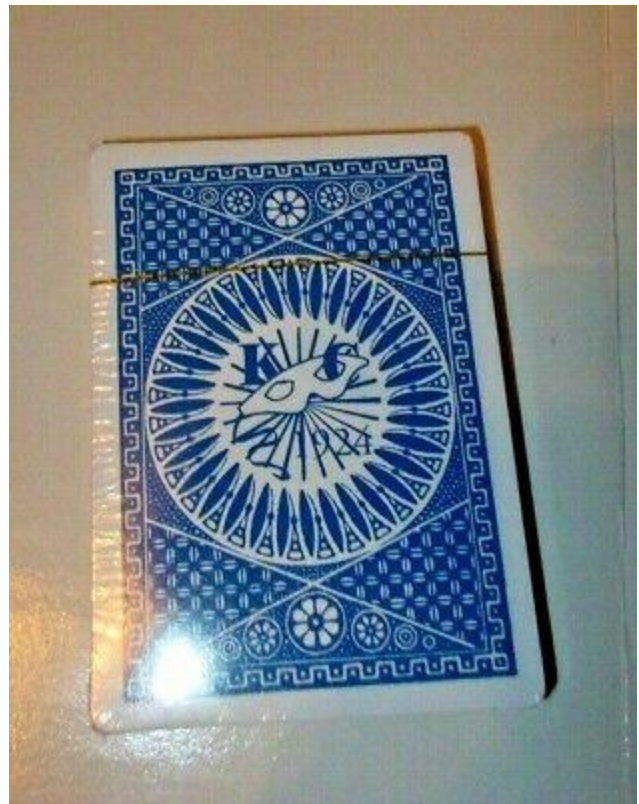
From long ago, a lot of magician have use Circle back as their throw-out/business card, they replace the circle with their face or logo. And until now, seem like some knock-off printer still doing that.

This is Krewe Of Thoth Playing Cards, made for Mardi Gras New Orleans 2020, the deck came in a no cellophane blank box with dice circle cut to show the logo.

I do not open the deck, so I really don't know which printer is it, but not USPC base on the paper finish and how they wrap the cards.

Another one for Mardi Gras New Orleans 2020 is Krewe of Carrollton, base on the box and how it was wrap, I believe it was made by the same printer.

Those decks can be bought easily on eBay with cheap price, so if you want to get some for fun, just search the name of them and get it.



Kacio (Trinity of Kem) – Korean Tally Ho promotional



Those decks are not made by USPC.

Kacio (now name Trinity of Kem) is a magic shop in Korea, well known in cardist world with the Triangle Prototype, Philtre and Philia playing cards.

From years, they printed gaff cards pack themselves for using and selling, with the actual Bicycle stock and air cushion finish.

As a magic shop, sometime they have promotions, and so they have the idea of created variation of well known brand as gifts. That included Tally Ho, Bee Wynn and Jerry Nugget's.

The Tally Ho that came out in 2015, as a gift for buying a number of amount at their shop.

According to the owner of the shop, each of them were made as very small number, about 24 decks for each one.

Have to say, their tuck box is very poor, soft paper and the cellopane is actually a nylon that too sensitive with heat, mine shrinked when I put my deck on adapter and I have to cut it out to save the tuck box. However, the cards were made very well, as good as Bicycle Rider from Ohio and the color are very nice and detail.



The first one, named Sapphire, was in promotion event in August 2015. The second one named Mint & Orange, came out in late 2015.

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Unfortunately after 2 Tally Ho, 2 Bee Wynn and 3 Jerry Nugget's, they stopped making whole deck. Now they mainly made gaff cards pack, but still printing customize deck if anyone want.



India Patils House Of Magic And Entertainment – Dr. D Marked Deck



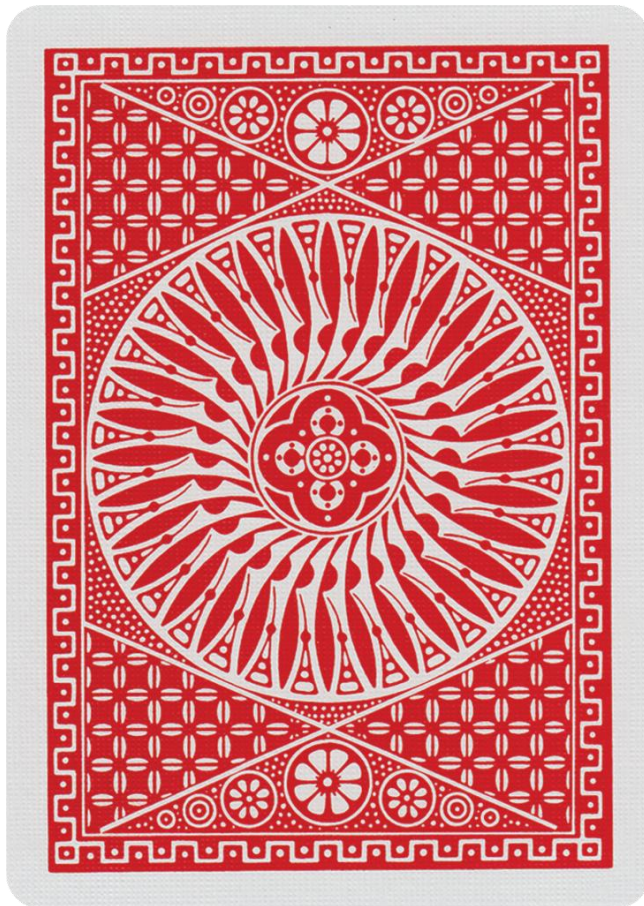
A counterfeit Tally Ho from India named Dr. D: Bridge size, Plastic coated, Marked. Available in both red and blue.

The marked is kind of easy to see and you can made it by yourself so you don't have to buy one. I'm not sure about the deck quality because I don't know the price or how to buy it from India, but you can find them on internet with keyword Dr. D Marked deck though.

Well, if anyone can help me get a few with reasonable price, I will be glad to update the review in next version.

Tally Ho Circle back's secrets

The last secret is the famous one in magic world: the 1-way subtle back design. At first, the design of Circle back is normal mirror concept – the design mirrored on each side. But later, around 1970s (I guess due to my 1965s Tally Ho box still have mirror concept designed on the back, no concrete evident) the Circle back had changed to 1-way back designed.



The 1-way designed, was discovered in Harry Lorayne's Apocalypse magazine issue 22, Oct 1979 and then later in Daryl's Encyclopedia of Card Sleights, showed a lot of one way marked on Circle back. The total of 4 one way marked have been found (tear drop, line, daisy, dot).

What you can do with a 1-way back? If you are a magician, you can do a lot: from pure card trick to mentalism, 1-way back is a classic feature that magician still using after hundred of years. You can easily find tutorial from magic book or video, or even on media like Youtube for free trick that using it.

LAST WORDS

This is the end of version 1, with over 80 Tally Ho decks, designs and colors listed from 1885 to 2020.

I will try to update more in the future. The next page will be the table listing all decks in chronological (as correct as possible).

Thank you for reading, hope I have help you guys in the hunt of collecting decks we love.

Have you see grammar errors or any further information that need to be correct? Contact me at vuquangduy1193@yahoo.com to make the list perfect. You can also tips me some bucks via Paypal by that email also 😊.

That's it, good bye and see you again.

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Antique Tally Ho	1885	Original Tally Ho	Andrew Dougherty
	1890s	Flower Back No.925	Andrew Dougherty
	1890s	The Vase back No. 930	Andrew Dougherty
	1900s	Fox back	Andrew Dougherty
	1912s	The Stage Back	Andrew Dougherty
	1920s	The Horse Back	Andrew Dougherty
		Circle back	Andrew Dougherty
		Fan back	Andrew Dougherty
Modern Tally Ho	2004	Gold Frame Blue, Gold Frame Red, Mini Blue, Mini Gold Frame red	Tomohiro Maeda
		Mini Blue & Mini Red	USPC (print in China)
	2005	Viper	Ellusionist
	2006	Light blue gold frame	Tomohiro Maeda
		Original Split Spades	David Blaine
	2009	Black	Murphy's Magic Inc.
		MHD Black Platinum	Tomohiro Maeda
		Blue Label	
		Green Platinum	
	2011	Titanium	Theory11
	2012	Silver	Murphy's Magic Inc.
		Pink	USPC
		Orange Fan back	
		Orange Circle back	
	2014	Rose Reversed Fan back	Aloys Studio
		Reversed Circle back	Aloys Studio
		Tally Ho Spectrum	Cosmo Solano
		King Wild Tally Ho	King Wild Projects
		Scarlett Tally Ho	King Wild Projects
	2015	British Monarchy	LUX Playing Cards
		Emerald	King Wild Projects
		White Deluxe	Penguin Magic
	2016	Black Diamond	King Wild Projects
	2017	Mica	Tomohiro Maeda
		Pearl Tally Ho	King Wild Projects
		Master Class	Gambler Warehouse
		Original 1885 Tally Ho Restoration	Home Run Games
	2018	Olive Tally Ho	King Wild Projects
		Cardistry-Con 2018	USPC
		Yellow Platinum (Hobonichi)	Tomohiro Maeda
	2019	Cardistry Chinese New Year	USPC
		Cardistry Summer Fan	USPC
	2020	Thin-crushed, Web Press	CARC
		Elite Tally Ho	Penguin Magic
		Cardistry Autumn Circle	USPC
		Cardistry Winter Fan	USPC

